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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS

NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JOSEPH GARBA VISITED PRAGUE APRIL 12-14 FOR WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY A CEREMONIAL VISIT. TALKS BETWEEN GARBA AND CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK PRODUCED A LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE WHICH SEEMS TO US TO BEAR A STRONG CZECHOSLOVAK STAMP: IT PRAISES DETENTE, CSCE, AND THE STRUGGLE IN AFRICA AGAINST COLONIALISM, RACISM AND APARTHEID AND CONDEMNS THE VORSTER AND SMITH REGIMES. THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT IS TERMED A "POSITIVE FACTOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND A DYNAMIC COMPONENT OF THE CURRENT STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, RACISM AND OTHER FORMS OF OPPRESSION." THE ONLY BILATERAL UNDERTAKING NOTED WAS TO SIGN A CULTURAL ACCORD AND TO BALANCE TRADE. CHNOUPEK ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT NIGERIA AT AN UNSPECIFIED DATE.

COMMENT: BALANCING TRADE WOULD APPEAR TO BE AN UNATTAINABLE GOAL, SINCE IN 1975 CZECHOSLOVAKIA ENJOYED AN ALMOST 20-1 ADVANTAGE IN BILATERAL TRADE. CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS BELIEVED TO BE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING NON-SOVIET SOURCES OF OIL, BUT IT IS NOT LIKELY TO BE INTERESTED IN PREMIUM-PRICED NIGERIAN CRUDE.
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